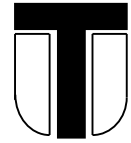


Religious Education  
Y2/3 Summer Term 1  
Why do people go on religious journeys?



Knowledge

- Journeys can be special for a number of reasons, including religious reasons.
- There are many sites around the world that are important to people for religious reasons; people journey from far and wide to these special places.
- A journey to a special or important religious place is called a pilgrimage.
- Pilgrims go on pilgrimage for many reasons, for example to show their faith or to deepen their connection with God.
- The most important pilgrimage for Hindus is to the Ganges, a river in India.
- Pilgrims bathe in the waters of the Ganges to cleanse themselves.
- One important pilgrimage for Christians is to Lourdes in France. It is believed that miracles have happened there.
- Pilgrims drink and wash their faces with the water in Lourdes, which is said to have healing powers.



Vocabulary

**apparition** = an appearance, the belief that a religious person from the past miraculously appears

**Christian** = someone who practises the religion of Christianity

**Christianity** = the largest religion in the world, based on the belief in one God and the teachings of Jesus

**cleanse** = to make something clean, for example the heart or the soul

**faith** = belief in a religion

**Ganges** = a river in India which has religious importance to Hindus and is a pilgrimage site

**healing** = becoming healthy again

**Hindu** = someone who practised the religion of Hinduism

**Hinduism** = the third-largest religion in the world, based on the belief in one god (Brahman) with many forms

**Lourdes** = a city in France which has religious importance to Christians and is a pilgrimage site

**miracle** = a wonderful event that cannot be explained, thought to be the work of God

**pilgrim** = someone who goes on a pilgrimage

**pilgrimage** = a journey to a special or important religious place

